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E.O. 11562: XGDS-1

TAGS: PBOR, EFIS, JA, CH

SUBJECT: US POSITION ON SENKAKUS

REF: (A) STATE 96877; (B) SELIGMANN-FEATHERSTONE TELCON

1. WE PROVIDED PRESS GUIDANCE REF (A) TO FOREIGN OFFICE SECURITY DIV DIR TAMBA, NOTING THAT IT WAS FOR USE ON IF ASKED BASIS. TAMBA HAS INFORMED US THAT "HIGH LEVELS OF FOREIGN OFFICE AND GOVERNMENT" REVIEWED GUIDANCE AND THAT GOJ WISHED TO ASK FOR CERTAIN LANGUAGE CHANGES.

2. SPECIFICALLY, GOJ REQUESTS THAT WE DELETE FINAL CLAUSE OF LAST SENTENCE OF FIRST SUBPARA OF PARAGRAPH 2: "AND WHICH WERE NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO IN THE TREATY." SECONDLY, GOJ ASKS THAT WE DELETE ENTIRE FINAL SUBPARA OF PARAGRAPH 2, BEGINNING "THE US HAS CON-
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SISTENTLY MAINTAINED..." GOJ VIEW IS THAT BOTH OF THESE PASSAGES ARE "UNNECESSARY" ELABORATIONS OF US POSITION. (NOTE: "DE FACTO," IN FINAL SENTENCE PARAGRAPH 1 HAD EARLIER BEEN DELETED, PER REF TELCON.)

3. TAMBA STRESSED HIGH LEVEL INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION, NOTING THAT PRESS GUIDANCE HAD BEEN PAINSTAKINGLY

REVIEWED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY. HE ADDED THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD RAISED ISSUE OF US POSITION TOWARD SENKAKUS WITH ADVISERS EARLIER IN DAY IN MEETING CALLED FOR PURPOSE OF BRIEFING PM ON OTHER MATTERS, ON INDICATION OF HIS INTENSE PERSONAL INTEREST.

4. EMBOFF UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY GOJ POSITION TO DEPARTMENT, AND SAID THAT, PENDING DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE, EMBASSY AND OTHER USG SPOKESMEN WOULD REVERT TO NO COMMENT PRESS LINE. TAMBA SAID JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON WOULD BE INFORMED AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH EA/J.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE TO GOJ REQUEST AND RECOMMEND THAT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE WE ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE GOJ CONCERNS RE US POSITION TOWARD LEGAL RIGHTS TO ISLANDS. MEANTIME, SUGGEST ADDRESSEES AVOID COMMENT TO PRESS. MANSFIELD

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